

Boston, July 31, 1862.

Dear Mrs. Friend:

I duly received your letter, and read it with deep interest. My reply has been unintentionally delayed.

You write in relation to the contemplated visit of my esteemed friend, Henry C. Wright, to England, and express heartfelt concern of mind lest it may result in great bodily suffering, and final dissolution, on account of the extraordinary effect of a sea voyage upon his constitution. You state, as a medium, that you have had a clairvoyant vision of the whole distressing scene, and urge me strongly to exert my influence to have him abandon the undertaking. You say, finally, that you would not have ventured to press this matter upon my attention, if you had not understood that I was a believer in spiritual phenomena.

It is true that, during the last ten years, I have ^{seen} a variety of "manifestations," of such a striking character, and under such ^{force} circumstances, as to compel me, by sheer ^a of evidence, to believe in their spirit origin; yet I should be slow to abandon any well-considered plan, merely because it was dis-
countenanced in some message from that mys-
terious sphere. Still, (as is the fact in the
present case,) ^{as} various other mediums, unknown
to each other, in different parts of the country,
have had substantially the same impressions
and apprehensions as your own, in regard to
the result of Mr. Wright's visit abroad, I
think such testimonies or admonitions deserve
to be seriously considered, and to have their
proportionate weight in making up a final
conclusion.

Whether H. C. W. would ever be per-
mitted to return to his native land in the
flesh, or not, the terrible experience he met
in crossing and re-crossing the Atlantic,

some years ago, in respect to sea-sickness, makes it quite certain that he will suffer as much, to say the least, in the same way, should he make the voyage. At his period of life, he would probably suffer more. Now, as no special duty calls him abroad to require any such risk — as it is to be simply a visit of friendship, for the sake of "auld lang syne" — as there is imminent danger of a conflict with England, growing out of a probable recognition of the Southern Confederacy, in which case the situation of H. C. W. in England would be a very delicate and embarrassing one — and as his labors were never more needed here in the Anti-Slavery cause, and in the broad field of reform, than now — I am happy to inform you that, on mature consideration of the whole subject with me, Mr. Wright has abandoned the idea of going to England, and I shall announce the fact in the Liberator of next week.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Mrs. J. M. Friend.

